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#### PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Operational Coastal Ocean Forecast System, Coupled Atmosphere-Ocean-Wave Modeling System, Hydrodynamic Modeling, Satellite Remote Sensing, Sediment Transport Processes, Data Assimilation and Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

# **EDUCATION**

M.B.A., Freeman School of Business, Tulane University, 2014	New Orleans, LA
<ul> <li>Management and Finance concentration</li> </ul>	
Ph.D., Civil and Environmental Engineering, The Ohio State University, 1998	Columbus, OH
<ul> <li>Major: Coastal Engineering and Numerical Modeling</li> </ul>	
• Minor: Atmospheric Science and Geographic Information System (GIS)	
MSCE, Civil and Environmental Engineering, The Ohio State University, 1989	Columbus, OH
BSCE, Civil Engineering, National Taipei Institute of Technology, 1985	Taipei, Taiwan

#### **AWARDS/HONORS**

- Patent, "An automated method and system for predicting high resolution tidal heights and currents in coastal and estuarine zones", U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2014
- Contribution Award, Naval Research Laboratory, Department of the Navy, 2010, 2012, 2013
- Invention Award, Naval Research Laboratory, Department of the Navy, 2011, 2014
- American Meteorological Society (AMS) Special Award, for "developing the first U.S. coastal forecasting system to make routine operational predictions of currents, temperature and key constituents", 2001(with 12 scientists)
- Licensed Professional Engineer (PE), 1998
- Fellowship, NOAA Colloquium on Environmental Predictions, 1993

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Supervisory Physical Scientist and Branch Chief** Integrated Physical and Ecological Modeling and Forecasting Branch, NOAA Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, Ann Arbor, MI 2015- present NOAA/NESDIS/CoastWatch Great Lakes Node Manager 2018- present

- Develop, formulate and manage budget, resources, staffing and scientific research projects
- Conduct research on integrated model development, data assimilation and ensemble forecasting
- Oversee Great Lakes Operational Forecasting System (GLOFS) transition to NOS operations
- Oversee NESDIS Great Lakes CoastWatch data, product, service and website operations
- Adjunct faculty and thesis/dissertation advisory committee at Ohio State University, Tulane University, Michigan Technological University, University of Wisconsin, University of Maryland, University of Michigan and Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL)

# Oceanographer, Naval Research Laboratory, Stennis Space Center, MS

2008 - 2015

- Developed and implemented coupled air-ocean-wave forecast models (COAMPS) for U.S. Navy
- Validated water levels, current velocity, temperature and wave fields from model outputs
- Conducted basic and applied research in ocean sciences
- Transitioned ocean models into U.S. Navy operational forecast centers
- Performed numerical model simulation, data analysis and visualization
- Presented research findings in professional conferences, published journal articles, Validation Test Reports (VTR) and technical reports

## Adjunct Faculty, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Eng., OSU, Columbus, OH

2007

Taught Fluid Mechanics, Open Channel Hydraulics and Applied Hydrology

## Founder and Principal Scientist, Aqualinks Technologies Inc., Columbus, OH

2003 - 2007

- Managed R&D staff and oversaw day-to-day operations
- Developed and implemented the Next Generation Operational Forecast System for NOAA/NOS
- Authored five NOAA/NOS technical memorandum reports
- Designed VHF-based marine identification communication hardware (AIS) and software
- Provided consulting services for ENR200 engineering firms and wrote SBIR proposals

# Senior Research Engineer, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Eng., OSU

1998-2003

- Led team of the Great Lakes Forecasting System (GLFS)
- Supervised post-doctoral scientists and graduate students
- Developed and maintained the Great Lakes Forecasting System website
- Conducted research projects funded by NSF, NOAA, EPA and USGS

## Graduate Research Associate, Dept. of Civil and Environmental Eng., OSU

1990-1998

- Assisted in the development of the Great Lakes Forecasting System (GLFS)
- Applied satellite cloud data to improve heat flux and 3-D model's temperature predictions
- Developed Visual Basic GLFSVIEW software application to disseminate GLFS products
- Derived Great Lakes water temperature and turbidity maps from NOAA AVHRR satellite data

## Visiting Research Scientist, NOAA GLERL, Ann Arbor, MI

1992

- Setup Great Lakes Forecasting System workstation version for the National Weather Service
- Developed programs to decode meteorological data for numerical weather prediction models
- Applied GIS software to generate Great Lakes ice contour maps from satellite data

## MAJOR RESEARCH AND CONSULTING CONTRACTS

- PI, Long-term Data Assimilative, temperature and currents database for Lake Erie and Saginaw Bay, EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI), 2018-2020
- PI, Improving Lake-Effect Snow and Ice Forecasting for the Great Lakes Regions, NOAA Office of Weather and Air Quality Office, 2017-2019

 Co-Principal Investigator, The Central Role of the Mississippi River and its Delta in the Oceanography, Ecology and Economy of the Gulf of Mexico Large Marine Ecosystem, NOAA-RESTORE ACT. 2015-2017

- Consultant, Data Acquisition and Analysis on Hurricane Isaac wind and precipitation. Steines and Eppling. 2014
- Consultant, Meteorological and oceanographic data analysis in Port Fourchon and Gulf of Mexico. Steines and Eppling. 2014
- Principal Scientist, Development and Implementation of the Next Generation Operational Forecasting (NGOFS). NOAA/NOS. 2004 2007
- Principal Scientist, Performance Evaluation and Skill Assessment of the Great Lakes Forecasting System. NOAA/NOS. 2004 - 2005
- Co-Principal Investigator, The Impact of Episodic Events on Nearshore-Offshore Transport in the Great Lakes: Sediment Resuspension and Transport Modeling Program, National Science Foundation (NSF). 1997 2002
- Co-Principal Investigator, Examining the Effects of Lake Water Level Variations on Sediment Resuspension, Ohio Sea Grant, 2002 2004
- Co-Principal Investigator, Development and evaluation of a coupled model to predict E.Coli concentration at public beaches: a first application at Edgewater Park, Ohio, Lake Erie Protection Fund (LEPF) and United States Geological Survey (USGS), 2001- 2002
- Consultant, Development of a high resolution hydrodynamic and bacteria model for the Cleveland, Ohio region CSO facility planning, Limno-Tech Inc., 2002.
- Consultant, Lake Ontario Hydrodynamic Modeling project to evaluate lake currents during extreme storm events. O'Brien and Gere Engineers Inc.,
- Consultant, Long-term meteorological data analysis for the Green Bay. Limno-tech Inc.
- Consultant, Temperature and currents analyses for the Cleveland harbor. Limno-tech Inc.,
- Consultant, 30-year Lake Ontario thermal and current structure. Environment Canada
- Consultant, Columbus Engineering Consultants, Hydrological and hydraulic analyses for City of Columbus storm water Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)

#### **INVITED SPEECH**

- Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL), Switzerland, 2018
- National Taiwan University (NTU), National Kaohsiung Marine University, Taiwan, 2017
- University of Notre Dame, Indiana, 2017
- Tulane University, New Orleans, 2014
- National Central University, and Tamkang University, Taiwan 2012
- University of Tokyo, Japan, 2012
- Korean Ocean Research and Development Institute (KORDI), Korea, 2010, 2005
- National Kaohsiung Marine University and Taiwan Normal University, Taiwan 2009

#### SUPERVISING/MENTORING

- Visiting professor and dissertation committee, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL)
- Adjunct Faculty, Dissertation Committee, School of Earth Sciences, The Ohio State University

• Dissertation committee, Department of Civil Engineering, Michigan Technological University

- Thesis committee, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Tulane University
- Dissertation committee, Marine-Estuarine Environmental Sciences, University of Maryland
- Mentor, NOAA/GLERL/CIGLR postdoc and graduate fellowship program
- Mentor, NOAA/GLERL/CIGLR Summer fellowship program
- Supervisor, Navy Research Enterprise Internship Program (NREIP) summer students
- Mentor, NRL Science and Engineering Apprentice Program (SEAP) summer students
- Mentor, MentorNet in Engineering and Science

#### JOURNAL REVIEW/CONFERENCE SERVICE

- Reviewer, NOAA JTTI, Marine Debris, RESTORE ACT, and SBIR programs
- Reviewer, Journal of Ocean Dynamics
- Reviewer, International Journal of Marine Geodesy
- Reviewer, Journal of Great Lakes Research
- Reviewer, Lake Erie at the Millennium bi-national conference proceedings
- Reviewer, International Conference on Estuarine and Coastal Modeling
- Reviewer, Marine and Coastal Geographical Information System (M&CGIS)
- Reviewer, Bulletin of American Meteorological Society (BAMS)
- Chair, Session on Model Coupling and Data Assimilation, IAGLR
- Co-Chair, Session of Satellite Remote Sensing, Int. Conference on Great Lakes Research
- Session Chair, International Workshop on Modeling the Ocean (IWMO)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- 28. Xinyu Ye, **Philip Y. Chu**, Eric J. Anderson, Chenfu Huang, Gregory A. Lang, Pengfei Xue, Improve Thermal Structure Prediction and Optimize Data Sampling Strategy of Lake Erie Using a Data Assimilative Model (Under Revision)
- 27. Anderson, E.J.; Fujisaki-Manome, A.; Kessler, J.; Lang, G.A.; **Chu, P.Y**.; Kelley, J.G.; Chen, Y.; Wang, J. 2018. Ice Forecasting in the Next-Generation Great Lakes Operational Forecast System (GLOFS). *J. Mar. Sci. Eng.*2018, *6*, 123. (doi: 10.3390/jmse6040123) <a href="http://www.mdpi.com/2077-1312/6/4/123/pdf">http://www.mdpi.com/2077-1312/6/4/123/pdf</a>
- 26. Ye, X., E. J. Anderson, **P. Y. Chu**, C. Huang, & P. Xue, 2018. Impact of water mixing and ice formation on the warming of Lake Superior: a model-guided mechanism study. *Limnology and Oceanography*, (doi: 10.1002/lno.11059)
- 25. Kolker, A.S., A.M. Dausman, M.A. Allison, G.L. Brown, **P. Chu**, K. de Mutsert, C.E. Fitzpatrick, J.R. Henkel, D. Justic, B.A. Kleiss, E. McCoy, E. Meselhe, and C.P. Richards, 2018. Rethinking the RIver. *EOS, Earth & Space News* (DOI:10.1029/2018EO101169) <a href="https://eos.org/features/rethinking-the-river">https://eos.org/features/rethinking-the-river</a>
- 24. Linares, A., C.H. Wu, E.J. ANDERSON, and **P.Y. Chu**, 2018. Role of Meteorologically Induced Water Level Oscillations on Bottom Shear Stress in Freshwater Estuaries in the Great Lakes. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Oceans* 123(7):4970-4987, DOI:10.1029/2017JC013741

23. Niu, Q., M. Xia, S.A. Ludson, **P.Y. Chu**, D.M. Mason and E.S. Rutherford, 2018. High-turbidity events in Western Lake Erie during ice-free cycles: Contribution of river-loaded vs. resuspended sediment. *Limnology and Oceanography* (DOI:10.1002/lno.10959)

- 22. Pullen, J., R. Allard, H. Seo, A.J. Miller, S. Chen, P. Pezzi, T. Smith, **P. Chu**, J. Alves, and R. Caldeira, 2018. Coupled ocean-atmosphere forecasting at short and medium time scales In *The Science of Ocean Prediction, The Sea*. P. Lermusiaux and K. Brink N. Pinardi.
- 21. Wang, J., J. Kessler, X. Bai, A.H. Clites, B.M. Lofgren, A. Assuncao, J.F. Bratton, **P. Chu**, and G.A. Leshkevich. Decadal variability of Great Lakes ice cover in response to AMO and PDO, 1963-2017. 2018. *Journal of Climate* 31(18):7249-7268 (DOI:10.1175/JCLI-D-17-0283.1)
- 20. Xue, P., J. Pal, X. Ye, J. Lenters, C. Huang and **P.Y. Chu**, 2017. "Improving the Simulation of Large Lakes in Regional Climate Modeling: Two-way Lake-atmosphere Coupling with a 3-D Hydrodynamic Model of the Great Lakes", J. Climate (Doi:10.1175/JCLI-D-16-0225.1)
- 19. Xiao, C., B. M. Lofgren, J. Wang, and **P. Y. Chu**, 2016 "Improving the lake scheme within a coupled WRF-Lake model in the Great Lakes", J. Adv. Model. Earth Syst.(Doi: 10.1002/2016MS00717)
- 18. Allard, R.A, E.R. Rogers, P. J. Martin, T.G. Jensen, **P.Y. Chu**, T. Campbell, J. Dykes, T.A. Smith, 2014. "The US Navy Coupled Ocean Wave Prediction System", Journal of Oceanography, p92-103.
- 17. **Chu, P.**, G. A. Jacobs, M.K. Cambazoglu and R.S. Linzell, 2012. "Multi Model Validation of Currents in the Chesapeake Bay Region in June 2010", J. Marine Geodesy, 35:399-428.
- 16. **Chu, P.** and J. Kelley, G. Mott, A.J. Zhang and G. Lang, 2011. "Development, Implementation and Skill Assessment of the NOAA/NOS Great Lakes Forecast System", J. of Ocean Dynamics, Vol61, No9, p1305-1316.
- 15.**Chu, P.**, Blain C.A. and Linzell, R.S., 2010. Development and Implementation of an Operational Coastal Forecast System, Proceeding of Korea-China Joint Workshop on Marine Environment Forecasting System for the Yellow Sea and East China Sea, Jeju, Korea, p13-16.
- 14. **Chu.Y.P**, C.A. Blain and R.S. Linzell, 2009. Development of a Relocatable Operational Coastal Modeling System for the US Navy, Oceans 09 MTS/IEEE, MS.
- 13. **Chu, P.**, C.A. Blain, 2009. Development of a Relocatable Coastal Forecast System Korean Coast Application, 2009 International Workshop on Operational System for Marine Environment and Forecasting, Kaohsiung, Taiwan, p123-130.
- 12. Chu, P. J. Kelley, A.J. Zhang, G. Lang and K. Bedford, 2007. "Skill Assessment of NOS Great Lakes Forecast System", 10th International Conference on Estuarine and Coastal Modeling.
- 11. Schwab, D., G. Lang, K. Bedford and **P. Chu**, 2001. "Great Lakes Coastal Forecasting System" American Meteorological Society conference on Coastal and Atmospheric Predictions.
- 10. **Chu,Y.P**. and K.W. Bedford, 2000. "Development of Lake Michigan Nowcast/Forecast Modeling System and the Prospects for a Sediment Transport Prediction Model", 6th International Conference on Estuarine and Coastal Modeling, New Orleans, LA.
- 9. Schwab, D., G. Lang, K. Bedford and **Y.P.Chu**, 2000. "Recent Development in the Great Lakes Forecasting System(GLFS)", Third Conference on Coastal Atmospheric and Ocean Prediction and Processes, New Orleans, LA, pp201-206.
- 8. **Chu, Y.P.** and K.W. Bedford, "Impact of Satellite Derived Cloud Data on Model Predictions of Surface Heat Flux and Temperature: A Lake Erie Example", Proceedings of the International Conference on Estuarine and Coastal Modeling, Alexandria, VA, pp556-569, 1998.

7. **Chu, Y.P.**, 1998. "The Incorporation of Hourly GOES Data in a Surface Heat Flux Model and Its Impacts on Operational Temperature Predictions in Bodies of Water", Ph.D. dissertation, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 273p.

- 6. Chu, Y.P. and K.W. Bedford, 1995. GLFSView 3.0 User's Guide, Ohio Sea Grant Program, 12p.
- 5. **Chu, Y.P.**, Bedford. K.W. and Marble. D.F.,1995. "Technical Issues Surrounding the Integration of GIS with 3-D Numerical Models of Spatial Processes", Ninth Annual Symposium on Geographic Information Systems, Vancouver, BC, pp274-381.
- 4. Chu, Y.P., C.C.J. Yen and K.W. Bedford,1994. "GLFSVIEW- GLFS Product Viewing Application". National Conference on Hydraulic Engineering, ASCE, Buffalo, NY, pp207-211.
- 3. **Chu, Y.P.**, K.W. Bedford, C.J. Merry and J.S. Hobgood, 1994. "Impact of GOES Data on Surface Heat Flux Predictions". National Conference on Hydraulic Engineering, ASCE, Buffalo.
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## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Pullen, J., R. Allard, H. Seo, A.J. Miller, S. Chen, P. Pezzi, T. Smith, **P. Chu**, J. Alves, and R. Caldeira, 2018. Coupled ocean-atmosphere forecasting at short and medium time scales In *The Science of Ocean Prediction, The Sea*. P. Lermusiaux and K. Brink N. Pinardi.

**Chu, Y.P.**, Bedford. K.W. and Marble. D.F., 1995. "Technical Issues Surrounding the Integration of GIS with 3-D Numerical Models of Spatial Processes", Ninth Annual Symposium on Geographic Information Systems, Vancouver, BC, pp274-381.

## **TECHNICAL REPORTS**

- 14. Zhang, H., J. Wang, T.-y. Yang, B.M. Lofgren, and **P. Chu**. 2018. Statistical relationships between biological parameters and environmental forcings in Lake Erie, 1970s–2010s. NOAA Technical Memorandum GLERL-173. NOAA, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, 69 pp. (DOI:10.25923/6jgm-1x64). <a href="https://www.glerl.noaa.gov/pubs/tech\_reports/glerl-173/tm-173.pdf">https://www.glerl.noaa.gov/pubs/tech\_reports/glerl-173/tm-173.pdf</a>
  13. Wang, J., J. Kessler, F. Hang, H. Hu, A.H. Clites, and **P. Chu**, 2017. Analysis of Great Lakes Ice Cover Climatology: Winters 2012-2017. NOAA Technical Memorandum GLERL-171. NOAA, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, 25 pp. <a href="https://www.glerl.noaa.gov/pubs/tech\_reports/glerl-171/tm-171.pdf">https://www.glerl.noaa.gov/pubs/tech\_reports/glerl-171/tm-171.pdf</a>
- 12. Wang, J., J. Kessler, F. Hang, H. Hu, A.H. Clites, and **P. Chu**, 2017. Great Lakes Ice Climatology Update of Winters 2012-2017: Seasonal Cycle, Interannual Variability, Decadal Variability, and Trend for the period 1973-2017. NOAA Technical Memorandum GLERL-170. NOAA, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory. <a href="https://www.glerl.noaa.gov/pubs/tech\_reports/glerl-170/tm-170.pdf">https://www.glerl.noaa.gov/pubs/tech\_reports/glerl-170/tm-170.pdf</a>
- 11. Allard, Campbell, Smith, **Chu**, Dykes, Veeramony and Rogers, 2014. "Coupled Ocean-Wave-Air Prediction System". FY13 NRL DoD High Performance Computing Modernization Program Annual Reports, p70-71.
- 10. Allard, R.A., T.J. Campbell, T.A. Smith, T.G. Jensen, **P. Chu**, E.W. Rogers, U.M. Gravois and S.N. Carroll, 2012. Validation Test Report for the Coupled Ocean Atmosphere Mesoscale Prediction System (COAMPS) Version 5.0 Ocean/Wave, NRL/MR/7322-11-2012, 110pp.

9. Smith S., J. Cummings, C. Rowley, **P. Chu**, J. Shriver, R. Helber, P. Spence, S. Carroll and O.M. Smedstad, 2012. Validation Test Report for the Navy Coupled Ocean Data Assimilation 3D Variational Analysis (NCODA-VAR) System Version 3.43, NRL/MR/7320-12-9363,148pp.

- 8. Chu, P., G.A. Jacobs, K.M. Cambazoglu and R.S. Linzell, 2012. Multi-Model Validation in the Chesapeake Bay Region in June 2010, NRL Report MR/7320-12-9297, 40pp.
- 7. Allard, R.A., T.J. Campbell, T.A. Smith, T.G. Jensen, **P. Chu** and J. Dykes, 2012. Coupled Ocean-Air Prediction System, DoD High Performance Computing Modernization Program Annual Report, p68-69.
- 6. Blain, C.A., R.S. Linzell, **P. Chu** and C. Massey, 2010. "Validation Test Report for the ADvanced CIRCulation Model (ADCIRC)V45.11, NRL Technical Report", NRL/MR/7320-10-9205, 109pp.
- 5. Kelley, J., A.J. Zhang, **P. Chu** and G. Lang, 2010. "Skill Assessment of NOS Lake Huron Operational Forecast System (LHOFS)", NOAA Technical Report NOS CS23, 53pp.
- 4. Kelley, J., A.J. Zhang, **P. Chu** and G. Lang, 2008. "Skill Assessment of NOS Lake Ontario Operational Forecast System (LOOFS)", NOAA Technical Report NOS CS13, 40pp.
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- 2. Kelley, John, **P. Chu**, A.J. Zhang, G. Lang and D. Schwab, 2007. "Skill Assessment of NOS Lake Michigan Operational Forecast System (LMOFS)", NOAA Technical Report NOS CS8, 67p.
- 1. Kelley, J., **P. Chu**, 2007. "Skill Assessment of NOS Lake Superior Operational Forecast System (LSOFS)", NOAA Technical Report NOS CS9, 48p.